

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Joseph R. Blum,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Rescission, Amendment and Redesignation of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

March 21, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs cancelling,
increasing and amending the coverage
of limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Janet Heinzen, International Trade
Specialist, Office of Textiles and
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,
(202) 482-4212. For information on the
quota status of this limit, refer to the
Quota Status Reports posted on the
bulletin boards of each Customs port or
call (202) 927-6713. For information on
embargoes and quota re-openings, call
(202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March
3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the
Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7
U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements
Act.

In a Memorandum of Understanding
(MOU) dated March 5, 1997, the
Governments of the United States and
the Republic of the Philippines agreed
to rescind the limit for Category 239 for
the period January 1, 1997 through
December 31, 1997. Also, the two
governments agreed to amend the
coverage of Group II to include
Categories 361, 369-S and 611 and to
increase the 1997 Group II limit.

A description of the textile and
apparel categories in terms of HTS
numbers is available in the
CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel

Categories with the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (see
Federal Register notice 61 FR 66263,
published on December 17, 1996). Also
see 61 FR 64507, published on
December 5, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of
Customs and the actions taken pursuant
to it are not designed to implement all
of the provisions of the Uruguay Round
Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and
the MOU, but are designed to assist only
in the implementation of certain of their
provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 21, 1997.

Commissioner of Customs,
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, the directive
issued to you on November 29, 1996, by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and
man-made fiber textiles and textile products
and silk blend and other vegetable fiber
apparel, produced or manufactured in the
Philippines and exported during the twelve-
month period beginning on January 1, 1997
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on March 28, 1997, you are
directed, to rescind the 1997 limit and import
charges for textile products in Category 239,
pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements
Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on
Textiles and Clothing and the Memorandum
of Understanding dated March 5, 1997
between the Governments of the United
States and the Republic of the Philippines.

Also, you are directed to amend the Group
II designation to include the coverage of
Categories 361, 369-S¹ and 611. Categories
361, 369-S and 611 shall be sublevels in
Group II. Import charges already made to
these categories shall be moved to Group II.
The 1997 limit for Group II shall be increased
to 164,785,038 square meters equivalent².

The Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements has determined that
these actions fall within the foreign affairs
exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5
U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

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¹ Category 369-S: only HTS number
6307.10.2005.

² The limits have not been adjusted to account for
any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Notice That Delivery Point: Specifications Must Be Amended

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of, and request for public
comment on, response of the Chicago
Board of Trade to Notification to amend
delivery specifications.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures
Trading Commission (Commission), by
letter dated December 19, 1996, notified
the Board of Trade of the City of
Chicago (CBT), under section 5a(a)(10)
of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act),
7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(10), that the delivery
terms of the CBT corn and soybean
futures contracts no longer accomplish
the objectives of that section of the Act.
Under section 5a(a)(10), the CBT was
required to respond by March 4, 1997,
seventy-five (75) days from the date of
the notice.

By letter dated March 4, 1997, from
Patrick H. Arbor to Chairperson
Brooksley Born, the CBT responded by
providing to the Commission a status
report of its actions. In that response,
the CBT reported that a "working
alternative" had been approved by the
exchange board and would be
forwarded to the membership for a vote.

On March 14, 1997, the Commission
provided notice of the CBT's working
alternative in order to provide the
public with an opportunity to comment
to the Commission on it (62 FR 12156).
The Commission has determined to
extend the comment period for an
additional fifteen (15) days.

DATES: Comment must be received by
April 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be
mailed to the Commodity Futures
Trading Commission, Three Lafayette
Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW,
Washington, DC 20581, attention, Office
of the Secretariat; transmitted by
facsimile at (202) 418-5521, or
transmitted electronically at
secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be
made to "Corn and Soybean Delivery
Points."

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